

In addition to recognizing the work of Dr. Dupree in her medical practice, Philadelphia Magazine has awarded The Healing Consciousness Foundation with a \$2,500 charitable donation.

Founded by Dr. Dupree in 2006, The Healing Consciousness Foundation works to improve the quality of life of breast cancer patients through a holistic approach which includes exercise programs, counseling and education services and diet coaching.

The Be Well Philly Hero Challenge award marks the latest in a long line of achievements presented to Dr. DuPree throughout her career.

Many of our families, my own included, have been affected by breast cancer, and it is thanks to the dedication of men and women like Dr. Beth DuPree that treatments are constantly evolving and improving as we work towards a cure.

Congratulations again to Dr. DuPree and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

TRIBUTE TO JASPER E. PEYTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton, a man dedicated to serving God, his family, and the community.

Reverend Jasper E. Peyton, native of Richmond, Virginia is a graduate of the Armstrong High School in Richmond, Virginia. He entered the military service while a student at Virginia Union University and while serving in the Philippine Islands, he attended the University of Philippines in Manila and majored in Business Administration. After being discharged from the military he enrolled in City College of New York and graduated in 1952. His education also includes labor studies at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York; and courses at the School of Journalism at Rutgers University and at New York Theological Seminary. Reverend Peyton served as an adjunct professor in the Black Studies Department at Fordham University, Manhattan Campus. In February of 2007 Reverend Peyton was presented the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the Eastern Theological Seminary.

Reverend Jasper Peyton joined the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in 1950 and served in several capacities including: organizer, shop steward, editor of the local newspaper, local education director, assistant national education and political director, art class instructor, a founder of the Fulton Art Fair in Brooklyn, New York and ILGWU training institute coordinator. During his labor career, Reverend Peyton participated in international labor conferences in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana, Africa. He was listed in Who's Who in American Labor. Reverend Peyton is the former President of the Congress of Christian Education of the New York State Progressive National Baptist Convention, and served as Chaplain in the New York State Supreme Court Officers Association, ILA-AFL-CIO.

Reverend Peyton's many commitments at Bethany Baptist Church have included former President of the Senior Choir, President of the

Presidents Council, President of the Virginia Club, Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is presently the Adult Sunday School instructor. Dr. Peyton served as Interim Pastor at Bethany Baptist Church until January 2008 and as Assistant to the Pastor under Dr. David A. Hampton, the tenth pastor called to the historic Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn until his departure in December of 2011.

Rev. Peyton is the father of one daughter, Rose LaVerne Abernathy, grandfather of six and great-grandfather of twenty.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton for his tremendous contributions to his congregants and the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton.

CONGRATULATING DENNIS GEHRINGER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Dennis Gehringer on his retirement from First National Bank of Howell after a distinguished 44 year career.

Mr. Gehringer's career is truly an American success story. He progressed from errand boy to teller to collector before becoming a Loan Officer and ultimately a Commercial Loan Officer in 1984. In addition to his job duty progression, Mr. Gehringer was also promoted in rank within the bank from an assistant cashier to assistant vice-president then to vice-president and retires as a Senior Vice President, a rank he has held since 1989, among the highest ranking officers in the bank hierarchy aside from the Chief Executive.

Although Mr. Gehringer gained significant professional accomplishments during his tenure, when asked, he said that he was most proud of the people that he and First National have helped over the years. From helping people start a business or just helping get a customer through a rough patch, Mr. Gehringer demonstrated the real value of a community banker with his ability to build relationships.

Mr. Gehringer has given back to the community where he has lived his entire life. He is the past President of the Livingston County Coin Club; an active participant with the Howell Chamber of Commerce; a Livingston County United Way Volunteer, and active in his church, St. Joseph's, as a Men's Club member and former Endowment Fund Chair. Mr. Gehringer also served on the Salvation Army board and as a Scout Master. Mr. Gehringer's community involvement was specifically recognized and celebrated on two different occasions. In 2001, he received the Charles W. Itsell Volunteer of the Year Award from the Livingston County United Way. Then, in 2003, the Howell Chamber of Commerce presented Mr. Gehringer with its Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Gehringer and his wife Laurie, who met at First National, have two children and one grandchild. Mr. Gehringer says he is most looking forward to spending more time with family, playing more golf, and continuing to

enjoy the people and places of Livingston County.

I ask that the House of Representatives join me in thanking Mr. Gehringer for his exemplary service to his community and congratulating Mr. Gehringer on his retirement and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOYCE C. ROSE

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of Joyce Rose, who is retiring after 25 years of service to the United States Congress. Joyce has worked for the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure since 2001, and has served as the staff director of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials since 2008.

Prior to her service with the U.S. House of Representatives, Joyce worked for 13 years on the U.S. Senate's Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. Joyce began her career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant, and through her energy, inquiring mind, and hard work, rose to positions of greater responsibility.

She has worked for a total of 11 different committee and subcommittee chairmen and ranking members, and has given each her total loyalty and professional expertise. For her entire 25-year career, Joyce has worked on transportation policy and funding issues. Over the years, she has become a true subject matter expert, particularly in the areas of rail and transit policy.

Joyce has worked for me directly since I became the ranking member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in January 2007 and, subsequently, became Chairman last year. She was instrumental in helping me and my constituents in Central Florida get a new, 61-mile commuter rail system called Sun Rail approved and under construction.

She has advised me on legislation ranging from the 9/11 Implementation Act in 2007, to the 2008 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act, to this year's MAP-21 surface transportation bill. I will miss her can-do attitude and deep knowledge of rail and transit issues.

Joyce was born on December 22, 1960 to Mary Jo and Joseph Comer in Leonardtown, Maryland. Her parents instilled a love of God and country, and strong commitment to public service—though Joyce's original plan was to teach music, and in fact, her college degree is in music education. I'm told that Joyce "keeps her hand in" music by volunteering to direct her church choir.

Joyce has been married for 29 years to Dale Rose, a mechanical engineer, and they have two children, Brian and Beau. Beau has Autism, and their experience as the parents of a disabled child has given Joyce and Dale the gift of advocating for those who can't speak for themselves.

Joyce is leaving us to take on a new position as President and CFO of Operation Lifesaver, Inc., a national, non-profit safety education group whose goal is to eliminate deaths